



OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 WESTERLY PARKWAY, STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am,
11:30am

Weekday:

Mon : 8:00am Mass

Tue.: 8:00am Mass

Vigil: 6:30pm (Sol of Mary)

Sol. Of Mary Wed.: 9:00am

Thu.: 8:00am Comm. Svc.
6:30pm NO MASS

Fri.: 8:00am Mass

9:00am NO MASS

Sat. 9:00am Mass

Confessions—see inside

Adoration of Blessed

Sacrament takes place after
8:00am Mass Tuesday until
4:00pm and Thursday until
8:00pm with Reposition.

Rosary:

Mon. Tues., Wed. & Sat.:

The Church is open Monday -
Sunday 7:00am to 8:00pm.

OLV Online Giving: go to
www.ourladyofvictory.com
and click on the link
<https://abundant.co/olvsc> to
give online.

- Text Giving: Text OLVSC
to 73256.

- Use the Abundant App,
which you can download on
your smartphone.

- Scan QR code



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December 28 & 29, 2024
Feast of the Holy Family



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814-237-7832

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www.ourladyofvictory.com

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office@ourladyofvictory.com

School

814-238-1592

Preschool

814-238-6616

School/Preschool Website

www.olvcatholicsschool.org

Diocesan Website

www.ajdiocese.org

OLV Prayer Network

prayer@ourladyofvictory.com

Flocknote: Are you missing out on important announcements from Our Lady of Victory. This is the quickest and most effective way to get up-to-date OLV news to you. If you are not getting flocknote emails, we may not have your email address on record at the Church. To sign up, go to <https://ourladyofvictory10.flocknote.com/OLVParishioner>.

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Secretaries' Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30-4pm.

Bulletin Notice

Material to be published in the following week's bulletin should be on Diane's desk no later than Monday, 9:00am.

Baptism

Sundays, 1:00pm, with arrangements having been made previously by contacting Diane.

Marriage

Diocesan Regulations require nine months prior notice. Contact Betty, the Secretary.

Sacrament of Penance: Thursdays at 5:30pm - 6:00pm and Saturdays, 4:00-4:30pm and 6:00-6:30pm. Not on Jan. 2.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays following 8:00am Mass, with Reposition at 4:00pm and Thursdays, following the 9:00am Mass with Reposition at 8:00pm. (No Adoration Jan. 2)

Collections: Dec. 15: Envelopes \$27,304.60; Loose \$1,955.00; Online Giving \$4,203.79; School \$970.00; Maintenance \$101.00; Twin Parish Mission \$247.00; Debt Reduction \$128.00; SVdP \$103.00; Retired Priest Medical \$714.00; Immaculate Conception \$1,863.00; Gabriel Project \$1,475.00; Christmas Flowers \$1,115.00; Donuts \$62.00; Candles \$250.00; Total \$40,491.39

Dec. 22: Bulletin was submitted before collection was counted.

The Marian Gift Shop in the OLV Activities Center is closed through January 11. Please contact Rose Marboe at 814-883-4446 or rose@marboe.com if you need something from the store during that time.



Baptisms: It is with great joy we welcome Colin Daniel Corcoran & Ella Marie Corcoran, children of Christopher & Kaitlin, and Valentino William Vairo, son of Giampietro & Eilizabeth, to the OLV Parish Family.



Please Remember In Your Prayers
Nathaniel C. Salada, son of Ian & Stephanie who died this past week.

MASS MEMORIALS and SCHEDULE

Monday, December 30

8:00am- † John Cahir by Dick & Kathy Anderson

Tuesday, December 31

8:00am - † Theresa Cusatis by Mary & Eric Weidenhof

Solemnity of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

Tues. 6:30pm - † James Hutchison by Flame of Love Prayer Group

Wed., January 1

9:00am - † David Joseph by Karen & Joe Aman & Family

Thursday, January 2

8:00am - Elinor Parnell Burns by Ken & Millie Demaree

6:30pm - NO MASS

(No Confessions nor Adoration)

Friday, January 3

8:00am - † John (Jack) Grady by Kathy, Pat & Family

Saturday, January 4

9:00am - † Tom Donchez by Dick & Kathy Anderson & Family

5:00pm - † Paula Shelow by The Family

Sunday, January 5

7:30am - † Mary Ann Weakland by Michael Patrilak

9:30am - † Frederick Fernsler by The Family

11:30am - † Anna Britten by OLV Sanctuary Choir

Hospital Stay - Call the Church Office at 237-7832 if you are or will be a patient at Mount Nittany Medical Center and wish the Eucharist brought to you. This facility does not notify us, so you or your family must call the church.

New Lector Workbooks are available in the Sacristy. Please sign your name when you take one.



Are You or Someone You Know Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Are You an Adult Catholic Seeking Confirmation?

If you are interested, please email the Office of Christian Initiation of Adults:
becomingcatholic@ourladyofvictory.com.

Please contact us at the above email to let us know if you are interested.

Weekly sessions are held on **Thursdays**, at 7:00pm in the OLV Activities Center.



**Feast of Solemnity of Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Mass Schedule:**

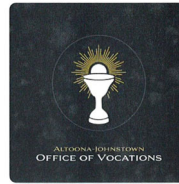
**Tuesday, December 31 - 6:30pm
Wednesday, January 1 - 9:00am**



ABOUT THE LOGO FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolizing the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency maneuvers to stabilize the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope, represented in green letters.

Vocations Corner



The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is starting a new initiative to increase vocations within our diocese. Currently, we do not have a single seminarian in formation in our diocese. With an aging priest population, we must act now to increase vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We will be starting a series of events to foster vocations within our own Parish at OLV. These include:

Vocations Awareness Supper: The entire parish is welcome to attend a Vocations Awareness Supper on Sunday, January 12 from 6-8pm. The dinner is free to attend. We just ask that you sign up in the back of church on the sign-up sheet by January 5th so that we can purchase enough food. We will have a talk about vocations from the Diocesan Vocations Director Father Peter Crowe and a panel of experts to ask questions about vocations. Families are encouraged to attend. This will be an informal evening, and we would love to see all of the children!

Traveling Chalice and Good Shepherd Statue: We are asking parishioners to sign up for a week of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. To help remind you of this, you can sign up to take home a Good Shepherd Statue and Chalice to create a small altar in your home. We will supply a bag to transport the statue and chalice and prayers to be said throughout the week. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. You can take the statue home on Sunday after your normal Mass time and we ask that you return it by 4:00pm the following Saturday.

Vocations Youth Night on February 6 has been postponed until the Spring.

Adult Catechesis: If you have not attended Adult Catechesis yet, the New Year is a great time to start. We will be starting a new program, Symbolon, on January 5. Adult Catechesis meets in the Activities Center Assembly Room on Sundays from 10:35-11:15. You are welcome to drop in any Sunday with no commitment.

Donut Volunteers are needed. We need more volunteers for the donut ministry after 9:30am Mass on Sunday mornings if we want to continue offering donuts every Sunday. People can split the pick up and clean up duties. If you are interested, please contact the church office.



Our Lady of Victory Catholic School

Enrollment Now Open

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School is a Middle States accredited school, providing quality education for children in preschool through 8th grade.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School provides opportunities for students to excel in academics, athletics, fine arts, and other extracurricular activities. The environment, rooted in love, faith, dignity, and integrity, enables students to reach their potential as leaders and learn the skills they need to succeed at OLVCS and beyond.

814-238-1592 | principal@olvcs.org | www.olvcatholicsschool.org/admission



A Special Thanks to
Joe and Sue Rogacs

OLV Preschool: Thank you for your support of our preschool program! You can find current information on our page of the OLVCS website: <https://www.olvcatholicsschool.org/Domain/13>. Please contact us for availability and questions.



St. Joseph's Catholic Academy High School is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. To schedule a tour and find out more about the affordability of tuition, please email Principal Anna Rupprecht at arupprecht@stacademy.org. More information can be found at www.stjoeacad.org.

End-of-the-Year Charitable Giving 2024

During this season of giving, please remember Our Lady of Victory. Your financial support is essential in helping us as we experience the rising costs in utilities and other areas of our ministries.

Ease your tax burden while benefitting Our Lady of Victory

Over 70 ½: Take advantage of the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA: If you are over age 70½, you may transfer, tax-free, up to \$100,000 from your IRAs to OLV. The gift can satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) each year AND does not count as income to you! When the transfer is processed directly to OLV, you do not pay taxes on the distribution. Contact your IRA Trustee or Financial Advisor for paperwork to process this distribution directly to OLV.

Please contact Chris Kirkpatrick at chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com or 814-237-7832 with any questions.



St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: The Thrift Store reopens Thursday, Jan. 2 at 10:00a.

January Specials:

- 50% off framed wall art
- Brand New Work Boots & Footwear at reduced prices
- Fabulous Furs Blow Out Sale! All Priced to sell! Never underestimate the luxury and warmth of a fur or fake fur coat—conquer the cold of January with a lovely, warm, cuddly coat from the many available at SVdP at incredibly reasonable prices.
- Cold weather here. We have lots of warm Winter Coats, Vests, Blazers & Snow/Ski Apparel.
- Beautiful Leather Coats are featured in our Boutique.

Please consider volunteering with the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. Visit the Store at 1300 Benner Pike, open Monday thru Saturday, 10:00am to 4:00pm, (the store is closed through Jan. 1) and speak to the Day Manager if you would like more information about volunteering.

Crochet Class: There will be NO crochet classes during December, but we will start meeting again on the first Monday in January (Jan 6th) at 6:30pm in the Activities Center Library and ongoing on the 1st and 3rd Mondays. See you then!



Bishop Mark to Open Jubilee 2025 Celebration with Special Mass:

With the theme Pilgrims of Hope, the Catholic Church universal has begun its observance of the Jubilee Year 2025 – a celebration that occurs every quarter century. The Holy Father decreed that Masses should be celebrated at Cathedrals around the world this Sunday, December 29, the Feast of the Holy Family, as a solemn opening of the Jubilee Year on the local levels. Here in Altoona-Johnstown, Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass on that day at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. All are invited to attend.

Religious Education News

Classes run each Sunday for students in grades from K-10, 10:30am - 11:20am in the school auditorium (Kindergarten runs in the Activities Center basement). More information can be found on the OLV Religious Education website's home page at <https://re.ourladyofvictory.com/home>.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES on Sunday, 29.

Upcoming Discipleship Opportunity for Grades 9-11

- **Paul J. Kim Retreat, Sunday, Feb. 2.** See details elsewhere in the bulletin.

11th Grade Confirmation Class: Next class is **Sunday, January 12**, 1:15pm-2:30pm in the Church.

First Communion Parent Meetings: ALL students making their First Confession and Communion this year (Public, OLVCS & homeschool) need to attend all meetings

- **First Reconciliation Meeting and Retreat** (student & at least one parent), Session Two - **1/12/25** during CCD time, 10:30am-11:20am. **Will be combined on the same day.**
- **First Reconciliation: CCD 1/30/25 @ 7:00pm & OLVCS: 1/31/25 @ 9:00am**



The CCD program is in need of more **guest teachers**. Even if you can only help once in awhile, that would take the pressure off our regular guest teachers. Please contact directorccd@ourladyofvictory.com and let us know if you are willing to serve as a guest teacher or guest aide. Both are needed.



Both Middle School and High School Youth groups will meet Thursday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Middle School Youth Group will meet in the Activities Center Library and the High School Youth Group will meet in the Youth Room in the Activities Center Basement. We hope to see you there!

Middle School and High School Youth groups: For any questions, please contact:

Savannah Anez - Middle School Youth Group leader - middleschoolyg@ourladyofvictory.com

Francis Baggett - High School Youth Group leader - highschoolyg@ourladyofvictory.com

Food Bank is January 5. Items needed: white rice—greatest need! (1-2 lb. packs); canned fruit (peaches, pears, pineapple, applesauce); snack items (crackers, cookies, chips/pretzels, granola bars, etc.); pasta sauce and other tomato Product (diced, stewed, paste, sauce, etc.); homestyle soups (Progresso, Campbell's CHUNKY, other ready-to-eat soups); cereal & oatmeal; ground coffee and instant coffee; tea (black, green, herbal); oil (vegetable, canola, olive oil); sugar substitutes (honey, Splenda, Stevia, etc.); condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, BBQ sauce, salad dressing, etc.); gluten-free items (pasta, flour, baking items, snacks, etc.). Non-Food Items: laundry detergent, liquid dish soap, liquid hand soap, toothpaste & tooth brushes, bar soap, body wash, assorted personal hygiene supplies, paper products, cleaning products. Please, no expired items.



Mark your calendars!

Paul J. Kim is coming to OLV on Sunday, February 2!

- **First Talk:** Confirmation is not Graduation from the Catholic Church (in the Church, **students only**), Student Arrival: 4:00pm (at the Church, students only) There will be a dinner for teens only from 5:30pm-6:30pm in the OLV Activities Center Gardiner Social Hall following the first talk.

- **Second Talk:** is open to the public 6:30pm-8:00pm (in the Church - students & any interested adults) - Meant to Live for More

Paul J. Kim is an international Catholic speaker, musician, and comedian. His presentations have impacted people of all ages in 48 states and 16 countries over the past decade, leading them to life-changing encounters with Christ. He's the author of "A Catholic Guide to Adulthood" online course, the founder of the Triumph Men's Conference, he's released two music albums, and his videos have accumulated millions of views. His background includes work as a marriage and family therapist, and religious formation with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. In his free time he enjoys long walks on the beach, talking to strangers in random accents, and Taco Tuesdays. He resides in the Austin, TX area with his beautiful wife & five children.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on **Tuesdays**, 8:30am (and ends with Reposition at 4pm and **Thursdays**, following the 8:00am and ends with Reposition at 8:00pm. Note: There is no Adoration on January 2. Please consider spending time with Him, If you cannot commit to every week at a specified time, please consider volunteering to be a substitute for Adorers who cannot attend during their scheduled time. Morning adorers are needed! Please call or email the church office at office@ourladyofvictory.com to be added to our adoration schedule as a committed or substitute adorer.



Children's Holy Hour, Tuesdays, 10:30am to 11:30am during Adoration.

This gives the children of the parish the opportunity to come to adore our Lord. If you are looking for a very quiet hour of Adoration, it would be best to look to come another time.



Update - W.O.G. has a new 5-week study called Moments with Mary.

This is a study to draw you closer to Mary – Our Blessed Mother. It includes gathering once a week for 6 weeks to discuss what you have learned and watch a video. You have daily homework which includes a 5-minute video from Johnnette for you to reflect on and some questions to answer. This will take about 20-30 minutes daily. We would like to know how much interest there is in doing this either for Advent or the first of the year. Please check out the information on the website @ www.womenofgrace.com for this and lots of other “free” information to help you on this journey of faith. We DO NOT walk alone. Please check all the FREE information available for you. Contact Karen Kearney at kearneyt1@comcast.net or 814-883-4588 with inquiries. You are a beloved daughter of God. God needs YOU! God loves YOU!!

Formed.org: Watch: Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family. Be inspired by encouraging stories of spouses and children living out the Lord's plan for their holiness.

To sign up for Formed, go to Formed.org/ signup: enter our zip code (16801) and select Our Lady of Victory. Formed also has an app and is available on Apple TV and Roku.



Make a New Year's resolution to tune into WJVM 90.3-FM & WEJO 104.7-FM!

We once again extend our gratitude to the Knights of Columbus, Father O'Hanlon Council #4678, as well as our other sustaining donors. Offer a prayer for the mission of Knights whenever you hear a sacred music selection. Just as importantly, please pray for our local priests and Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy during their top-of-the-hour station ID's. Remember, just \$100/day keeps our Catholic voice on the air. Our 501(c)3 organization is volunteer-run and your tax-deductible donation may be mailed to: Voice of Divine Mercy, PO Box 862, State College, PA 16804-0862. Lastly, we ask that you keep the homebound, hospitalized, and imprisoned members of our listening audience in your prayers throughout the winter.



Gabriel Project: The Gabriel Project is a Pro-Life movement offering parish-based pastoral care to women in a crisis pregnancy. It is the goal of

the Gabriel Project to help such women with all their practical needs, as well as offering them unconditional love in an apostolate of friendship throughout their pregnancy.

This year, the Gabriel Project has provided 40 mothers with basic needs. There is a great need for baby hygiene products, as well as baby laundry products (ALL FREE detergent), newborn clothes (up to 6 months) and newborn items such as onesies, sleepers, baby wipes, shampoo, etc., Due to liability, we cannot accept used toys, strollers, cribs, or baby formula. Thank you very much for your support for these families. For more info about the Gabriel Project, please call 814-867-5511. For monetary donations, please place them in the Sunday collection, or mail them to Betty Gummo, c/o Our Lady of Victory Church, 820 Westerly Parkway, State College, PA 16801. A check made out to “OLV/The Gabriel Project (a 501c3 non-profit) can be used as a tax deduction.

If you are in need of Gabriel Project services, please call 814-867-5511 or 1-800-910-0191.

Book of Revelation Bible Study: The Book of Revelation is perhaps the most mysterious and misunderstood book of the Bible. Do you want to understand this book better and have the opportunity to discuss it with other Catholics? If so, please join our upcoming study: “Revelation: The Kingdom Is Yet to Come,” using materials from Ascension Press. We will meet at 7:00 PM on Thursday evenings in January – March (location TBD). Make this part of your Lenten journey! Please contact Roseanne McManus at RMCMANUS1@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up.



Father O'Hanlon Council #4678 State College Knights of Columbus

"Knights Notes" :

Calendar of Events: Please check www.kc4678.com

Council Meetings- Only 4th Wednesday in January,

7:00pm. OLV Activities Center - Fr. O'Hanlon

Room (basement) at 820 Westerly Parkway

Blood Donations: Check: redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?ZipSponsor=16801

Knights - Meetings during the Holidays:

Meetings during the holidays will ONLY be Jan. 22.

Knights - Church Sign/Misprint Jokes: " The most important part of Christmas are the first six letters."

Want to be part of the brotherhood? Please ask a Knight or send an email to info@kc4678.com. COME AND SEE!

On the Web:

K of C webpage: www.kc4678.com

K of C Facebook: www.facebook.com/KCCouncil4678

Baby Bottle Campaign: The Father O'Hanlon Council of the Knights of Columbus thanks everyone who participated in the Gabriel Project Baby Bottle Campaign. Your donations totaled \$7,277! The council also made a donation to bring the total raised for the Gabriel Project to \$8,277! Your generosity and prayers are greatly appreciated and will help many babies and mothers in need. Praise to God!

Women's Bible Study: Do you desire to grow in your faith while in a supportive community of other women? If so, come join the OLV Women's Bible Study Program! These Bible studies combine personal study with small group discussion. Two studies are being offered this year: (1) Opening Your Heart: which applies Biblical teaching to everyday life; (2) The Path of Love: which explores the Stations of the Cross. New participants are always welcome! Meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings (via zoom) and Friday mornings in the Activity Center of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church from mid-September through April. Childcare is provided for Friday morning participants. For more information, please email us at olvwwp1@gmail.com or call Jane Knappenberger at (925) 708-0126.

Job Opening: Good Shepherd Church in Port Matilda, PA has an immediate need for a Facility Manager. This position will be Flex Time averaging 30 hours per week and is benefits-eligible. The schedule will include some early morning, evening and weekend time, based on specific needs. The Facility Manager oversees and guarantees the safety and functionality of the facility. If you are interested or know someone who might be please contact the Parish Office at 814-238-2110 or email [jkovacik@dioceseaj.org](mailto:jkovacic@dioceseaj.org).

2024 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus #4678 would like to thank the following businesses for their contribution of prizes; State College sweetFrog, Get Air, Discovery Space of Central PA / The Rivet, State College Dairy Queen.

AND the Winners Are:

Kindergarten - 1st - Macy Freeman

Grades 1-2: 1st - Kaiden Dare

2nd - Elizabeth Bartley

3rd - Jack Vincent

Grades 3-4: 1st - Serena Mikesic

2nd - Jackson Stout

3rd tie - Cora Weber

3rd tie - Celia Lawson

Honorable Mention - Elliott Allen, Isaac

Lunn, Ella Meredith

Grades 5-6: 1st - Emma-Maria Saborio

2nd tie - Capri Lawson

2nd tie - Mary Jane Miller

3rd - Luciana Vendemia

Honorable Mention - Kathleen Seman

Grades 7-8: 1st - Maddie Ridenour

2nd - Aryana McCleary - 2nd

3rd - Kaitlyn Ridenour - 3rd

Honorable Mention - PJ McQuery,

Caroline Siuta, Scarlett Stoehr

First Place winner's posters:



Other winners are on display in the Activities Center Gardiner Social Hall.